



Student Information Systems Rating and Evaluation Conference

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

On June 20 the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) will be hosting a Statewide Student Information System (SIS) review and rating conference in Lincoln, Nebraska

The conference is part of a Statewide Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to select a number of SIS vendor solutions to be included in the statewide ESUCC Marketplace. Additionally, the conference provides an opportunity for SIS vendors to present information on their planned application interfaces in support of the ADVISER dashboard and future NEIS-ADVISER statewide reporting system.

Over forty-four invitations were sent to potential vendors to consider submitting an application. There were five SIS vendors that submitted responses and all five met the minimum qualifications established for evaluation and rating by Nebraska school district personnel. The vendor presentations, questions, and rating process will occur over the one day conference.

The results of the school rating process will prioritize the SIS vendors to be included in the price negotiation process and to be included in the ESUCC marketplace for streamlined access by Nebraska schools.

All school districts and nonpublic schools interested in participating are invited to attend the conference and should register at: https://nde.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6JRX6Zq11uV8DiJ

Specific Logistics for the meeting:

Date: June 20, 2016

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CDT

Location: Downtown Holiday Inn, 141 N 9th St, Lincoln, NE 68508

SIS Vendors Presenting (time slots randomly chosen)

8:15 – 9:30	Infinite Campus
9:45 – 11:00	Powerschool
11:15 – 12:30	Harris School Solutions
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (On your own)
1:30 – 2:45	Edupoint Educational Systems (Synergy)
3:00 – 4:15	Tyler Technologies



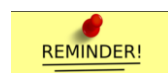
ESSA/NCLB Qualified Teacher Requirements

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) has eliminated the ‘highly qualified teacher’ requirements; therefore, the 2015-16 school year will be the last year for verification of NCLB Qualified Status. This means that, beginning with the 2016-17 school year, processes related to being designated as NCLB Qualified will no longer be required, including HOUSSE application forms and Praxis II EECIA (Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment) test requirements for new-to-the-profession elementary special education and early childhood teachers.

Please be aware that, effective 9.1.15, most new endorsements placed on a teaching certificate require a Praxis II Subject assessment. <https://www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/IHE/SkillsTesting/ContentTestScores.pdf>

ESSA continues the paraprofessional requirements as required by NCLB. The U.S. Department of Education guidance is that the para requirements will remain in effect AT LEAST through the 2016-17 school year.

Questions regarding ESSA/NCLB Qualified Teacher requirements: Pat Madsen, NDE, 402-471-4863, pat.madsen@nebraska.gov, or for Special Education specific questions, Adria Bace, NDE, 402-471-4312, adria.bace@nebraska.gov. Questions regarding the ESSA/NCLB Paraprofessional requirements: Beth Wooster, NDE, 402-471-2452, beth.wooster@nebraska.gov.



Title I Annual Participation Report – OPENED: May 1 – DUE DATE: June 15

Contact: Beth Wooster – (402 471-2452 beth.wooster@nebraska.gov) or Diane Stuehmer – (402 471-1740 diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

Collection completed by Public – ESU's only report ESU staff on part 2 of this report.

ALL districts having Title I programs are required to submit this report. Please remember that the district needs to **Submit** and **Approve** the collection in the CDC (Consolidated Data Collection).

There are 4 parts of this report: Title I Part A School-wide Programs and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Homeless – Unaccompanied.

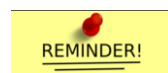


SPED Discipline Information System – OPENED: May 1 – DUE DATE: June 16

Contact: John Marcucci (402-595-1639 or john.marcucci@nebraska.gov)

Public and State Operated Only

Report of Children with Disabilities Unilaterally Removed to an Interim Alternative Setting, or Suspended or Expelled (Special Education Discipline Report) opened on **May 1**. The report is due **by June 16**, and must be submitted by all public and state operated schools. It is collected on the NDE portal under the data collection tab. Directions as well as a template for using the upload option have been posted on the site.



The following collections are now open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) –

DUE DATE: June 15

Annual Participation Report

Title I Part A School-wide Projects and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Homeless – Unaccompanied.

Collection completed by Public– DUE: June 15

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1740 or Beth Zillig – beth.zillig@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2452

Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours

Days in session by grade.

Instructional program Hours –KG, Elem & Sec. Also included in this collection are Pre-K instructional hours for public district/system operated early childhood education programs by attendance site.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated– DUE: June 15

For more information on Days In Session, contact Jen Utemark – jen.utemark@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3323.

For information on Pre-Kindergarten, Tammi Hicken – tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3184.

For information on Instructional Program Hours, Freida Lange – freida.lange@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2444

ESU/District/System/School Information Report

Collects demographic data for ESUs, Districts, Systems and Schools for the next school year.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU and Interim – DUE: June 15

For more information, contact Ginny Carter – gabby.carter@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2369.

Nonpublic High School Completer Report

The Nonpublic Completer Report is for each nonpublic system that has the potential of serving students in grade 12.

Collection completed by Nonpublic– DUE: June 15

Pupil Transportation Report

Transportation/Bus Information.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU– DUE: June 15

For more information, contact Janice Eret – Janice.eret@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2248

Report of Suspensions/Expulsions

Suspension/Expulsions (Including Firearm Expulsions).

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated – DUE: June 15

State of Schools Report

Collects district and school information and Improvement Goals and Graduation Requirements.

Collection completed by Public – DUE: June 15

For more information, contact John Moon – john.moon@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1685

Substitute Teachers

Collects all substitute teachers by name, their NDE Staff ID, and the number of days taught.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU and Interim – DUE: June 15



SPED Proportionate Share Worksheet for Non-Public Schools – 2016-2017 –

OPENED: May 6 – DUE DATE: July 31

Contact: Rita Hammit (402-595-2092) or Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308) in the Office of Special Education

All school districts (including districts that do NOT have approved/accredited non-public schools or exempt home schools located within the district's jurisdiction) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to complete and submit the 2016-2017 IDEA Proportionate Share application. This collection is found under the "Data Collection" tab in the portal. This collection is based on the October 1, 2015 child count of eligible children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and represents the amount of IDEA funds that must be expended for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in an accredited/approved nonpublic school or an exempt home school within the school district boundaries.

For additional information refer to NDE Technical Assistance Document, "Special Education Services to Children with Disabilities (ages 3-21) Enrolled by Their Parents in Non-public Schools" located at: <https://www.education.ne.gov/sped/technicalassist/ServicesNonpublicSchools.pdf>



2016-2017 Student and Staff Instructions

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The following documents for the 2016-2017 school year are now available on the NSSRS Resources web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>). Sorry for the delay. NDE has set up a meeting with the Student Information System vendors regarding these changes.



Nebraska Career Education Data Clarification: Identification and Reporting of

Concentrators

Contact: Katie Graham –(402-471-3104 or katie.graham@nebraska.gov)

1. Who is considered a CTE Concentrator?

- A CTE Concentrator is a student in grades 9-12 who has completed three (3) or more one semester-long courses within a single career cluster.
*o(NOTE: the three or more one semester-long courses do **not** need to follow a Program of Study course sequence, but rather fall under the same career cluster umbrella of courses).*

2. When do I report a student as a CTE Concentrator?

- Concentrators should be reported when they are in 12th grade. Each student's high school course history (transcript) should be examined to see if, at any point in their high school career, he or she met the criteria for becoming a Concentrator as defined above.
o(NOTE: If you report a student as a concentrator before he or she is in the 12th grade, NSSRS will send you an alert letting you know that NDE will be counting that student as a CTE Participant. You should report this student as a Concentrator again once they reach the 12th grade.)
oNDE has found in looking back that not all 12th graders reported as Concentrators before grade 12 were reported again their senior year. To resolve this issue, NDE is devising a protocol to explore four years of Programs Fact data to see if any 12th grader not reported as a Concentrator in their 12th grade year was reported as a Concentrator in one of the four preceding school years.

3. What do I do if a student Concentrates in multiple areas?

- If a student has more than one area of concentration, the schools have two options: (1) the school can report all areas of concentration for each student. NDE will then utilize an internal strategy to determine in which area he or she will be counted (as we only report one area of concentration per student to the federal government), or (2) the school can select one area of concentration to report.
o(NOTE: If a school decides to make the decision as to which area of concentration (of multiple) to report for a single student, we suggest you select the area for which the student has earned the most course credits or completed the most courses.)

Additional information related to Concentrator identification and reporting can be found here:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/Accountability/Secondary/index.html>. Please notice the two links at the very top of the page (Secondary Perkins Data Manual & the 2015-2016 Concentrator Identification Memo).

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Graham at 402-471-3104 or katie.graham@nebraska.gov.

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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Data, Research, and Evaluation - NDE IT Helpdesk Specialist



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